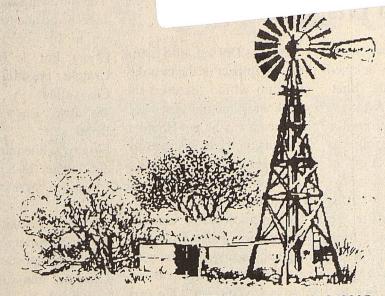
Cowboy Country News



Published each Wednesday in the county seat of Yoakum County, Plains, Texas

PHS 2005 Graduation Issue

PHS Valedictorian, Salutatorian Want To Become A 'History Writer?'

Write your favorite recipe, help record your county's history

dents are encouraged to submit recipes for a centennial cookbook being compiled to help celebrate the county's 100th birthday.

residents are asked to their favorite recipes.

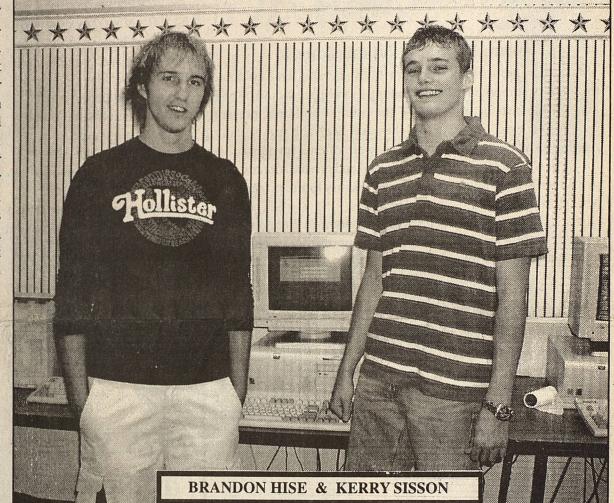
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Yoakum County resi- stresses that the project is a county-wide centennial cookbook and it is seeking recipes from every-Residents and former eral generations of famicounty library to submit "From grandmothers, mothers, and daughters."

ganized by Tsa Mo Ga the library or from Tsa the education process. The top

PHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian Brandon Hise and Kerry Sissons should be fairly familiar with the school district. Brandon said, "I'm the short timer - I missed one semester of Kindegarten." Salutatorian Kerry Sisson has been enrolled in Plains schools from day one. Brandon, finishing the year with a 96.760 GPA, has other close ties to PISD; His dad, Vernon, is Principal of Plains elementary, and mom Debra one to make it a success. teaches fourth grade in that "I think it would be neat school. Sisson, finishing in the to have recipes from sev-second spot with a 95.73 GPA, also has connections with the district. His dad Wayne curlies," club member rently serves as president of the pick up a form from the Connie McWhirter said. school's Board of Trustees. Mom is employed by Oxy Petroleum as an I.T. Specialist.

Both young men have chosen Forms are available at Texas Tech as their next step in students also did remarkably well at the prestigious UIL State Academic meet in Austin.



Local teachers to learn new skills in session at NASA



Todd Davis and Kimberlee Wilkins at Plains Middle School are two of 80 Texas middle school teachers who will take a seat at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston this summer, to learn new ways to incorporate the wonder of space into their classrooms. As part of Middle School Aerospace Scholars (MAS), the teachers were chosen to participate in one of three one-week summer sessions at JSC during June and July. The program gives the educators access to JSC education specialists, flight directors, scientists and engineers who will talk about the latest technology being used in the space program.

MAS is a one year professional development program for teachers and includes an opportunity for their students to participate in a series of distance learning events in their own schools. During the summer work-

shop, teachers develop an action plan outlining various ways to integrate NASA resources into the middle school curriculum throughout the school year.

Part of Texas Aerospace Scholars, the MAS program was created through a joint venture between JSC and the State of Texas to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, The students of these teachers are also encouraged to participate in future high school and community college aerospace scholars' programs. Additional funding for the program is received in part by other educational institutions. Rotary NASA and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Wilkins teaches algebra and pre-algebra at Plains Middle School, and Davis is a science teacher.

Cowboy baseball ends on sour note

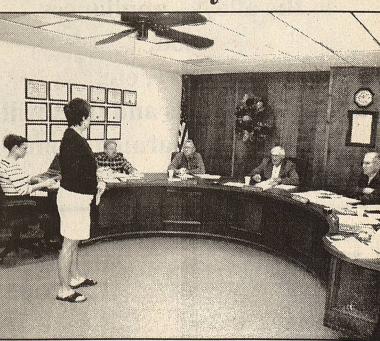
The district winning Cowboys season came to an end last Saturday when they fell 16-14 to McCamey in Bi-District action. They jumped to an early 6-0 lead, but McCamey responded to tie the game 6 all. A long rain delay killed the Cowboys momentum, and the Badgers took a 12-8 lead.

The Cowboys fought back and tied the game 12-12, but McCamey jumped to a 16-12 lead. The Cowboys managed two more runs but they weren't enough.

the game, but defense mistakes hurt us in a couple innings."

T.J. Cordova broke several school records during the season; new batting average .566, 22 walks in season, 14 doubles, tied 3 HR record with 3, 30 RBI's, .667 on base percentage. He also broke his own strikeout record. moving from 88 to 105 strikeouts. Bartley reported season information is available on plainscowboys.com

Future Capital Improvement Projects Studied By Court



Judy London addresses court

In the May 16 session of Commissioners Court, Country Grant Coach Bartley said "The team Writer Judy London suggested the court members should be tabuhit the ball well, with 15 hits in lating future major projects for their precincts and entire county. She indicated if county needs are known now, she can more readily seek funding for projects from either grants or from other state or federal funds.

> Judge Dallas Brewer said "I know what I consider priority projects for the county, and that is the money to build a sorely needed new jail, and the construction of a new pro shop at the county golf course". The judge said preliminary estimates for the new jail would be \$3.5 to \$4 million if all state and federal specifications are met. He reported he, Sheriff Don Corzine, and Deputy Jerry Howard had recently toured the new jail at Tahoka and said that project cost about \$3 million.

> London said she had recently discussed possible expansion of the Plains Library, in Pct. 3, with head librarian Pat McNabb.

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"Shattered Dreams" At Tsa Mo Ga Meeting

sors and two students debuted a 22-minute video of the "Shattered Dreams" program for Tsa Mo GA members May 9.

Although the school group has made several presentations of the alcohol/drug awareness program since April 5-6, this was the first to feature the video. The video, made from footage taken during the actual wreck and rescue, gives viewers an inside look after the wreck victims were taken from the scene. The video included law enforcement agents notifying parents of the wreck, scenes from the hospital emergency room and relatives viewing the 'deceased' student at the funeral home. The video also depicts the arrest and legal issues faced by the driver and minor in the vehicle which caused the wreck.

Sponsors Treon Ortega, who organized and coordinated the program, along with co-spon-

Plains Student Council spon- sor Melisa Dorsett, told members the impact of the two-day program which featured the wreck and a memorial service. 48 traffic cases has been great. Senior Brandon Hise, one of the wreck victims, and freshman Bradon Loya, a passenger in the truck, also attended the program.

The program was a semester Motion to revoke-\$5000 long project, which took planning and participation from local officials and agencies including Yoakum County Sheriff's Office, City of Plains, volunteer fire fighters, and EMS members, parents, the Department of Public Safety. and the Texas Alcohol and Bev- instrument-\$5000 erage Commission.

The video was produced by Russell Jones, using footage by students and adults during the two-day program. The video can be purchased for \$15.

The program was held at the Library Connie with McWhirter and Bonnie Earnest as hostesses.

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'She needs more floor space for both shelving and computer technology equipment. She is thinking more space would be available on the rear or east side of the present building, presently used for parking". London told the court McNabb was obtaining more information, and that libraries were often a favored project for various grant funds for governmental and private sources. Commissioner Powell indicated he would discuss future projects with Ms. McNabb.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Ben Coston reported to London he had already made a list of possible capital improvements and would meet with her for further discussion.

City of Plains

City Wide Clean-Up

May 23rd - 27th

The City will pick up all items in the alleys - appliances, wood, Furniture, etc. * All metal items and tires will need to be separated from

other items *



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JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard and fines and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Pct. 1. Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed:

\$3000

Driving while intoxicated with child under 14-\$3000 Evading arrest/detention-

Motion of Surety/possession of controlled substance-\$3500 Criminal non-support-\$5000 cash bond

Bench warrant/fraudulent use or possession of identifying info-bond denied

2 cases-forgery of Government

Bail jumping & failure to appear-\$25,000 3 cases-motion of surety/

fraudulent use of possession identifying info-\$1500 4-cases-forgery of financial in-

strument-\$5000 Driving while intoxicated (1st)-\$1000

Assault causes bodily injury-\$1500 +emergency protection order+24 hour detention Motion of surety/burglary of a building-\$2500

Failure to appear-\$500 Obstruct/retaliation-\$3000 2-cases-forgury of Government instrument/money \$2500

2-cases-Engaging in organized criminal activity-\$5000 2-cases-fraudulent use/posses-

sion of identifying information-\$5000 Driving while intoxicated with child under 15/with deadly

weapon-\$5000 Criminal-non support-\$10,000 2 cases-aggravated assault with

deadly weapon-\$5000 Possession of controlled substance to wit: cocaine-\$6500

PHS Student of the Week



Student of the week is Lauren Hise a freshman and the daughter of Vernon and Debra Hise. Lauren was nominated by Mr. Jones, who siad, "Lauren is a person who is always fun to have in class. She always has an interesting perspective on things we talk about. She is involved in several school activities including athletics, band, and UIL and has been a lot of fun to have in class."

DISTRICT 8A

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0242910

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TEXLAND PETROLEUM, L.P., [RRC Operator No. 849735] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 486, Bk. D, GIBSON, J H/ CARLISLE, MRS T C Survey, A-1302, OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES) Field, YOAKUM County, being 7 miles E direction from PLAINS, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES)

Lease Lines

DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 16, 2004

Lease/Unit Name SHELL-MORE Lease/Unit Well No Lease/Unit Acres 160.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) 160.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) 523.0

1477.0 F NORTH L, Survey Lines : 1477.0 F NORTH L. 1840.0 F WEST L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows

OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JERRI HARBER MS., at (817) 9001226

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jun 28, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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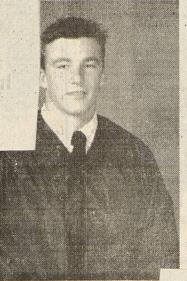


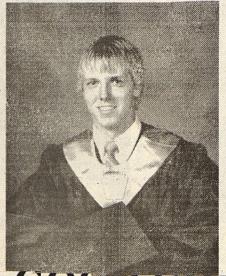


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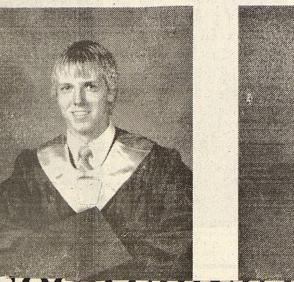


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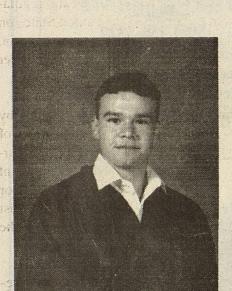


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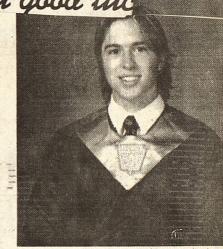
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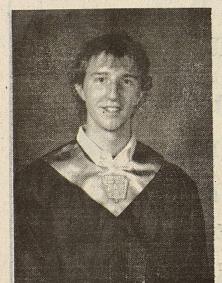
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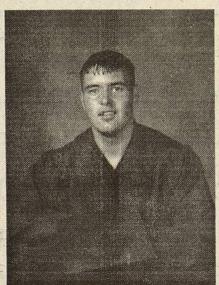
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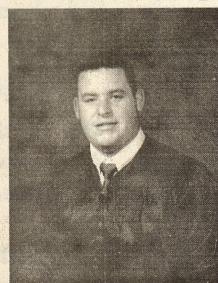
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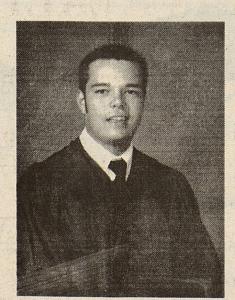
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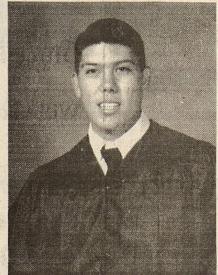
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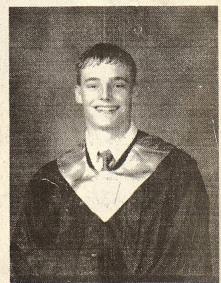
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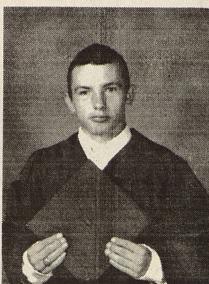
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June quarter.

The good news was com- taxes got relief. Many critics painted a rather prices. were higher than those for taxes have been decreased. 2002.

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I supported the tax relief pack- sary spending.

Nobody likes someone who many unfair provisions in the says 'I told you so,' but I have code. I led the fight and to admit I am mighty tempted authored the legislation to to say it anyway after hearing eliminate the Marriage Penalty. the latest economic news. Gov- which taxed married couples at ernment revenues for April a higher rate than unmarried 2005 were 29 percent higher couples. We increased the tax than they were a year ago. As deductions for children. Pera result, the Department of haps the most important part of Treasury will be paying down the relief package is that it re-\$42 billion in debt in the April-duced marginal rates, so every American who pays income

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dark picture of our economic President Reagan was fond of prospects, even though we had saying that a rising tide lifts all based our legislation on boats to illustrate the fact that America's long experience of economic growth provides betseeing tax reductions spureco- iter jobs, a higher standard of nomic growth and higher gov- 'loving and more government' ernment revenues. In fact, ac- revenue. He was right. Ecocording to data collected by the nomic growth, spurred by lower Congressional Budget Office, taxes, increases the total govtotal federal revenues in 2004 remment revenues even when

Some may wonder how it can The first modern example was be that the U.S. deficit has inthe tax relief passed by Con- creased even though tax relief gress under President John F. boosted the economy and Kennedy in the 1960s. That tax thereby raised revenue. The anrelief sparked a long economic swer is government spending boom: President Ronald has increased at an even faster Reagan passed substantial tax rate. After the September 11, relief which started an eco- 2001 terrorist attack, our nation nomic expansion which lasted, has had to invest heavily in imwith one interruption, into the proved security as well as prospresidency of William Clinton, ecute a war against terrorists in who signed increases in taxes. Afghanistan and Iraq. I do not President George W. Bush in- begrudge these expenditures. herited a stalled economy They were necessary to make which he believed would ben- the United States safer. But we must work to rein in unneces-

ages because they removed The recent good financial news

strengthens my resolve to work to make our tax relief permanent. Much of the tax relief we passed was scheduled to sunset. or end, in 2010. I would like to see tax relief, particularly marginal rate reductions, capital gains tax reductions, abolition of the Death Tax on inheritance and Marriage Penalty tax relief made permanent.

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Texas is one of six states that produce more than 99 percent of all rice grown in America. Texas boasts one of the world's largest rice milling, processing, drying, storing, and shipping industries, and we are the fifth-largest rice producer in the nation. Rice is often processed to make dog food, baby food, breakfast cereals, frozen foods, sauces and many other prepared food items

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> Ty Earl Powell, Pct 3 County Commissioner

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PISD Coach Todd Davis was recently notified of his selection as COACH OF THE YEAR by

the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas. Todd coached the Plains High team which won Class A

Championship honors at the state meet last November.

His team included Jose Villegas, Scott Addison, Payton Bean, Chandon Loya, Abel and Zach Ramos, and Chris

Loya. Coach Davis will be honored by the association at

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Senior Citizens Corner

With Memorial Day approaching once more, I remember all the years of family gatherings when, after a dinner together, we scattered to the various surwreathe on the graves of loved ones resting there. There were always certain tombstones I would pass by to read the inscriptions each year and wonder about the person who had lived that lifetime. Beside a tree a quiet, prairie location in Kansas there is a headstone with my name on it just waiting for the final date to be inscribed. As I think on these things at this time of year, I remember reading about Benjamin Franklin, who as a young man, suggested this for his headstone: "The body of B. Franklin, Printer And striped of its Lettering and lieved) appear once more, in a author."

Royce and Jewell's sons, there are good things as well as with other students who are Charlie and Stan Hemmeline, bad things about getting old. and Kevin Bruton came with One of the things on the 'plus' David one day for lunch. Our list are the good friends we en- a fraternal benefit society offercongratulations to David as our joy during these later years. Let ing financial services, has lonew mayor.

Kucera and Leonor Matus, are spending some time in the local hospital. We wish a speedy recovery for each of them.

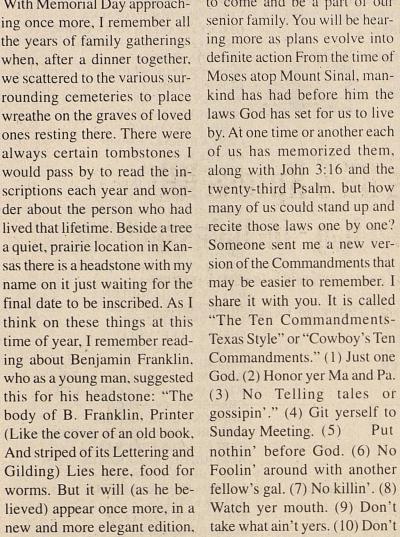
the afternoons with tables full of players anxious to be the winner of the day! There are on the Line Dance schedule on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Come and join the ladies for a fun time of exercise and fellowship.

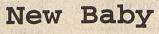
A combined 'idea; meeting wad held on Tuesday afternoon by the Board of Directors and the Site Council. While no definite dates were set, many plans were discussed to entice more of our county seniors into active fellowship in our Senior Center. The doors are open to set. all who are over sixty years old

to come and be a part of our "The Ten Commandments-(3) No Telling tales or gossipin'." (4) Git yerself to nothin' before God. (6) No corrected and amended by the be hankerin' for yer buddy's

Visitors this week included I keep being reminded that award in a national competition me tell you about these two eld- cal representatives and is based Reports today indicated that erly ladies who had been in Rock Island, Ill. two of our ladies, Minnie friends for many decades. Over Cain plans to use the grant to the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had 100 grant winners chosen this been limited to meeting a year. The men's domino room ap- couple of times a week to play During the past 35 years, Modpears to be a popular place in dominoes. One day as they were in the middle of a good game, one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad also several names appearing at me. I know we've been friends for a long time..but I just can't remember your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For three minutes she just sat there and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

> Thought for today: Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed and permanently





Aspen Cheyenne Blessibg, born March 15, 2005 at 11:07 A.M., 6 Lbs. 5 oz.



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Keeping Track of Children's **Immunizations**

It begins with counting 10 fingers and 10 toes. Then comes more numbers in pounds and inches. By the time a newborn is only hours old, parents have a raft of childhood charts to begin filling

One of the most important of these, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), is a child's immunization record.

"Children need various vaccinations at 2, 4, 6, 12 to 15, and 15 to 18 months of age and at 2 and 4 years," said Lupe Mandujano-Garcia of the DSHS Immunization Branch.

The job of keeping track of these immunization schedules can seem almost overwhelming to parents. For help in avoiding papering the house with charts and graphs, parents can get assistance by using ImmTrac, the state's immunization registry.

Parents can complete a consent form to voluntarily enroll their Texas born children as part of the birth registration process. Parents whose children were born in another state also may enroll them in ImmTrac office or their provider. The ImmTrac service is free..

"ImmTrac provides parents with an official immunization history that can be used to meet school and child-care enrollment requirements," Mandujano-Garcia said. The system is designed to offer complete immunization records for each participating

"Providers authorized to use ImmTrac can see what immunizations a child already has had, even those given in another city or county," Mandujano-Garcia said. "With this information readily available, a provider can see that a child receives only those shots that are needed and reduces the chances that a child will be under vaccinated or over vaccinated."

With ImmTrac, immunization providers also can remind parents when their children's shots are needed.

"As a courtesy, DSHS now send a vaccination reminder card to parents of ImmTrac participating children who are 15 months old," Mandujano-Garcia said. "This helps parents remember to vaccinate their children in a timely manner, especially as they

With parental consent, vaccination information on participating children is added through avenues such as private and public health care providers; payors, the DSHS Bureau of Vital Statistics; Medicaid; Women, Infant and Children (WIC) clinics. Texas law authorizes only doctors, schools, child-care centers, public health districts, local health departments, payors such as HMOs and insurance companies, and state agencies having legal custody of a child to access registry information.

Parents may request removal of their children's immunization records from ImmTrac at any time by withdrawing consent in writing.

"Beginning at birth with the hepatitis B vaccine, children need to be vaccinated against 11 vaccine-preventable diseases by age 2," Mandujano-Garcia said. "Then in a specific, carefully timed succession, children should receive diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), haemophilus influenzae type b, polio, pneumococcal, measles, mumps, rubells (German measles), and varicella (chicken pox) vaccines."

Starting a 6 months, children also should receive an influenza shot yearly.

Any children living in 39 counties that have high incidence rates of hepatitis A should receive that protective vaccination as well. "Vaccines work," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, DSHS Commissioner. "They are one of the great public health achievements of the last century."

Low immunization rates affect children, families, schools and entire communities. "One unvaccinated child can pass a serious disease on to a younger child, to a pregnant woman, an elderly relative or others likely to suffer serious consequences from illness," Sanchez said.

To register a child in ImmTrac or find out more information, talk to your health care provider or call the DSHS Immunization Branch toll free at 1-800-252-9152.



on, Tuesday, May 24, 2005 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jerry and Ann

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From The Hack

out loud. What he will whisper hood. VERY softly is, "I can actually The men began calling one an-

tant who moved into a large house, just in time to watch him Catholic neighborhood. On the standing over the grill with a first Friday of Lent, John was small pitcher of water. He beoutside grilling a big juicy steak gan sprinkling a little water on on his grill.

were all eating cold tuna fish for were raised as a cow, and NOW supper. The aroma of the cook- you are a fish!" decided to do something about her philosophical stuff. John eating meat on Friday... The darkest hours come just you do not need to know. ment of the smell.

They went to John and dis- newspaper. cussed the issue with him. He Never forget that you are was so impressed with their unique, like everyone else. faith and sincerity he decided on Never test the depth of the naked, wet, hungry, and we get the spot he would convert to

Catholicism. The men took water with both feet. John to their church, where a Before judging someone, walk Priest sprinkled water on his a mile in their shoes. That way, head and solemnly said, "You when you judge them, you're a were born a Baptist, you were mile away and have their shoes. raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic!"

pressed with the conversion, drink beer all day. very happy with John. When the last Friday of Lent arrived, how- avoid skydiving. If my preacher reads the fol- ever, when the neighborhood lowing treasure he will prob- was sitting down for their tuna Some days we are the windably say, "Well, the village idiot fish dinner, the tormenting shield. finall wrote something not to- aroma of steak cooking on a tally obscene." That he will say grill entered the entire neighbor- seems kinky the first time.

relate to this... sounds Baptist to other, puzzled, perplexed. Had he completely forgotten it was John Smith was a lone protes- Lent? They gathered at John's feet. the steak on he fire saying, As he did this, his neighbors "You were born a cow, you

ing steak was very worrisome. The following is from a grand The next day a number of the daughter who is braver than I... Catholic men got together and therefore, I had to edit some of

they couldn't take the punish- befor dawn.. so that's the time to steal your neighbors milk and

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to The men were mightily im- fish and he will sit in a boat and

If at first you don't succeed,

Some days we are the flies:

Don't worry about it. It only

Good judgement comes from experience; experience comes

A closed mouth gathers no

There are two distinct theories about how to win an argument with a woman; Neither one

chance to shut up.

tening until you break wind.

Always remember that which

all is one in which we have not

all..... When we are born we are slapped on the butt. From that moment on, life gets much worse.

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County Court Crime Cases

Two cases were heard in County Court May 11, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Crimnal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the

Sammy Esquivel pled true to DWI, b.t. .109/.108. He was sentenced to 126 days in jail with credit for 126 days served. Cody Wade Fisher pled guilty to driving while license suspended-subsequent. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$286 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. A 36 hour jail sentence had been met with four days served. He will pay \$50 monthly supervision fees and serve 80 hours community service. DPS Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer.

PETIT JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COUR ON MAY 24, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M.

A Petit Jury selection will be held for the 121 District Court on May 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear: DENVER CITY RESIDENTS: LYNN E. ETTER BARBARITA SOVERN BARBOSA JAKODY CLEM HUCKÁBY RAY FELAN TASHA LYNN GARCIA URIEL VASQUEZ BARRIENTOS WILLIAM ROBERT FLIPPIN TERRY SUMMERS JAMES MARLYN JACKSON SABRINA QUINTANA VALENCIA LILIANA SOTO CARRILLO **PEGGY JOYCE ALRED** JANIE LISA MANCHA RICK L. MCCLURG APRIL MICHELLE CRYER JESSE HAROLD CRISWELL SILBESTRE MARNIOLEJO DIAZ RAY L. GILSTRAP ERICA ELICIA FRANCO ADAM ALAN SMITH GABRIELA MORALES MARTINEZ KRISTIE DEANNE HIX ARMANDO TARANGO ONTIVEROS DAVID JOE VALDEZ JONI JESSICA QUINTANILLA **JERRY DON HUCKABY** CLAUDE FRANK WEIR JUDY CLAYTON LONDON **CLYDE WILLIAM FREEMAN** KELLIE D. ADAMS DONNA SEFCIK PEGGY B. FREEMAN **GUSTAVO TRUILLO VILLEGAS** MARY HELEN MENSCH TIMMIE JACK WILLIAMS JERRY D. EVERITT KELSEY LANCE HINSON MARCELO ABRAHAM ACOSTA TIMOTHY DAVID EADS DALILA RUIZ LUCINDA LEIGH KEGLEY MARIANNE BROWN STEPHENS **BRADLEY LENDON WOOSLEY** JIMMY L. BYRD **MYRNA STEPHENSON HARPER ROSA VILLALOBOS PARRA** NOLBERTO VALVERDE JUDY WHITFIELD KLEAM EDDIE C. RANDLE JAIME PEREZ **DORIS MOBLEY POWELL**

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